Left His Family and Disappeared From His Native State and Turned Up in the Pacific Coast as John H. Mitchell-Was First Elected to the Senate in 1872,

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.-John H. Mitchell, more than senior United States Senator from Oregon, ho was indicted at Portland yesterday for alleged violation of law in accepting \$2,000 for the use of his influence as a Senator in furthering a fraudulent land scheme, is a veteran of many political battles. He has been charged by his political enemies with many crimes, more serious, if possible, Has any other form of investment than that for which he is under indictment, but he has always been victor when the

Senator Mitchell was born in Washington county, Pa., in 1835, and went to Oregon in diate investment. 1880, after a few years residence in California. He became more prominent gradually, and by 1866 came within one vote of cing his party's choice for United States Senator. He incurred the bitter hostility of William Lair Hill, a brilliant lawyer, who was then editor of the Portland Oregonian. Hill learned that Mitchell was 146 Brosdway. iving under an assumed name, and madé a trip to Pennsylvania, where he traced litchell's antecedents.

It was discovered that Mitchell's real ame was John Hipple and that while ery young he had married a poor girl, ne daughter of a washerwoman, by whom he had several children. He left his family and disappeared, and in due time turned up on the Pacific Coast as "John H. Mitchell." His identity having been established, the Oregonian printed an exposure which caused a sensation in the State. For years afterward the Orcgonian referred to him as John Hipple Mitchell."

Mitchell did not deny the truthfulness of the story. Instead, he took the people Oregon into his confidence, admitted that he had changed his name and asked he people to judge him by his record as a man among them rather than by the errors f his youth. He took steps to have his w name legalized, and made peace with

The people of Oregon took Mitchell at his word and the attacks upon him were mavailing. In 1872 he was elected to the Inited States Senate and took his seat or March 4, 1873, the same day upon which William B. Allison entered upon his career the Senate. Allison has served continuously ever since and now has the record of having served longer than any other man, living or dead. But Mitchell has been in and out several times, and every campaign, with few exceptions, has been a

fight in which the fur flew.

In 1882 Mitchell received the vote of twothirds of all the Republicans in the Legislature, but after a struggle which lasted all through the session he was beaten. In 1835 he tried again and was successful and was reelected in 1891 without much trouble, but in 1897, after having been unanimously chosen by the Hepublican caucus, there was a violent break, which resulted in twenty-eight members of the Legislature refusing to take the oath of office during the entir session, thus destroying a quorum and re-sulting in Mitchell's defeat. In 1901, after a hard battle, in which his old foe, Joseph Simon, was his principal antagonist, Mitchell was elected again to succeed George W.

Bride. hears ago Joseph Simon, who is a Jew of proud of it, was one of Mitchell's law rtners. So was Senator Dolph. Dolph partners. So was senator Doiph. Doiph and Mitchell were colleagues in the Senate, and Binger Hermann was the Representa-tive in the House from Oregon. Simon looked after the firm's law business while the two Senators were in Washington. Singer Hermann, whose indictment charges blue with unlawful exercise of his office

Ringer Hermann, whose indictment charges him with unlawful exercise of his office as Commissioner of the General Land Office, was always a close freind of Mitchell, and in Oregon has the reputation of being greatly under the influence of his more intellectual colleague.

The beginning of the enmity between Mitchell and Simon was in the Senatorial campaign when Solomon Hirsch, afterward Minister to Turkey, was a candidate. The Legislature was deadlocked and Hirsch was defeated. He and his coreligionists always believed that his defeat was attributable to his being a Jew. At a special session

always believed that his deleat was attributable to his being a Jew. At a special session afterward Mitchell was elected Senator and Joseph Simon charged him with being behind the deadlock which deleated Hirsch. From that time to this the Republicans of Oregon have been split into two factions, with occasional victories for each. Simon himself was elected to the Senate, serving from 1897 to 1903. He was known as the "silent man of the Senate." He made no speeches and made the acquaintance of only a few of his colleagues. He is said to have declared in a speech that "Jews are not wanted in the United States Senate." on ave declared in a speech that bewaits not wanted in the United States Senate."

Senator Mitchell married early in his Oregon career, before the exposure of his Pennsylvania experience. His second wife was a resident of Oregon, of beauty and good family. Several daughters and one son were born to them. The son, John H. Mitchell, Jr., is a prominent lawyer in Oregon. One daughter, Mattie, was a famous beauty and belle in Washington. In 1891 she married the Duke de la Rochefoucauld and is living in Paris, where her mother is now visiting her.

If Senator Mitchell follows the precedent set by Charles Henry Dietrich of Nebraska and Joseph Ralph Burton of Kansas, he will not set his foot inside the Senate chamber while the present indictment is langing

will not set his foot inside the Senate cham-ber while the present indictment is hanging over him. On the advice of his friends Senator Dietrich refrained from attending the sessions of the Senate until he had cleared himself of the charges brought against him in Nebraska. Since that time he has been regularly in his seat. Senator Burton of Kansas has never been on the floor of the Senate since his conviction in St. Louis, and while his case is pending in St. Louis, and while his case is pending in the United States Supreme Court it is hardly probable that he will do so. Senator Fulton of Oregon, after reading

the account of the indictment of his col-leagues, Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann, made the following statement

The account purports to be and I assume is, a fairly complete summary of the Government's evidence. I confess I am aston-lehed that the Grand Jury should have returned an indictment on such evidence. Apparently all the evidence against Senator Mitchell is his own admission and the un-corroborated testimony of the convict,

Puter.

"Mitchell admits that Puter came to Washington with a letter of introduction from Mays and that he accompanied him to the Land Office and urged that the issuing of the patents to the land claims should be expedited. Hermann, it appears, declined to make such an order in the absence of a showing by affidavit of facts that would justify it, whereupon Puter told Mitchell a tale of wee and Mitchell dictated an affidavit embodying the alleged facts for him davit embodying the alleged facts for him and his accomplice, Watson, to sign. They signed and filed it, and the claims were

"All this, I understand, Mitchell admits. "All this, I understand, Mitchell admits, Nothing unusual about the transaction, either. It does not materially differ from the work every member of the delegation is almost constantly being importuned by constituents to perform. But now comes Puter, already convicted and awaiting sentence under one indictment and trial on others, and no doubt promised leniency, if others, and no doubt promised leniency, if not immunity, willing certainly, in order to secure the one or the other, to smirch the character of any one, and says that he paid dischell for his services \$2,000.

Of course in view of the fact that all the tion, save the receipt of the money, are substantially admitted to have occurred, it was easy for a swift and willing perjurer such as Puter to inject the one element necessary to convert an otherwise innocent CITY REAL ESTATE.

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into a crime. He did so by swearing he paid to Mitchell the money, and in consequence a man who has served his State in the Senate for almost a quarter of a century without his name having been connected or associated with any charge or whisper of a charge of corruption, is now, at the age of 70 years, compelled to go into court in defence of his character.

"Certainly no trial jury will convict on such evidence, but even acquittal will not heal the wound inflicted by the foul charge—a charge in my judgment, in this instance, as false as foul.

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"According to the published accounts the evidence against Hermann is equally incredible and discreditable. I profoundly regret that Oregon's good name should be imperilled by two of her representatives in the Congress being subjected to public accusation, but, while it is humiliating in the present, I look confidently to the future for her and their complete vindication."

office yesterday. Early last week Mr. Leupp called on Commissioner Jones to talk about the business of the office.

"By the by, Mr. Leupp," said the Commissioner, "I have just been informed that my business matters have so shaped themselves that I will not be obliged to leave Washington until next March. I have decided, therefore, to remain on the payroll at least until the 4th."

"That's most extraordinary, Mr. Commissioner," said Mr. Leupp. "I have made all my arrangements to begin work on the 3d; public notice of the fact has been given, and your decision puts me in a most embarrassing position.

"I can't help that, Leupp," said the Com-missioner. "I got a chance to stay on the pay roll three months longer, and you will have to make the best of it."

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Two days later Mr. Leupp discovered that he had been made the victim of a practical joke. Then he made up his mind to get even.

On Friday Commissioner Jones was informed by an employee of the office of the Secretary of the Interior that before transferring his accounts to Mr. Leupp it would be necessary for him to turn into the Treasury a sum equal to the amount of a year's salary, which is \$5,000.

"What's that," said the Commiss ioner. "What do you mean by it? There must be some mistake."

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Trains depart from Grand Central Station, 42d st, and 4th av., as follows for BOSTON, via New London and Providence—1450, 12(10.00, \*x)|10.02 A. M., 11)|100, \*x|10.02 \*x|3.00, 11||100, \*x|10.02 P. M. BOSTON, via Williamatte—18:00 A. M., 12:00 P. M. BOSTON, via Williamatte—18:00 A. M., 12:00, \*||4.00, \*11:00 P. M. BOSTON, via Springueld—19:00 A. M., 1||12:00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00, \*| BOSTON, via Springue(d=19:00 A. M., [||12:00, \*||4.00, \*||4.00] P. M.

FITCHBURG, via Putnam & Worcester—13:00 P. M.

LAREVILLE & NORFOLK—18:50 A. M., (3:31 P. M.

GREAT BARRINGTON, STOCKBRIDGE, LENOX,

PITTSPIELD—14:20, 18:50 A. M., (3:31 P. M.

WATERBURY and WINSTED—14:30, 56:00, 18:00,

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16:00, 18:00, 46:00 (to Waterbury) P. M.

Ticket offices at Grand Central Station and c125th

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ATLANTIC CITY 40:10 a. m., 13:40 p. m.
VINELAND AND BRIDGETON—214:00 a. m.,
3:40 p. m.

The schedule of closing of Trans-Pacific Mails is

POYAL BLUE LINE TRAINS.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

TRANSATLANTIC MAILS.
TUESDAY (3), -At 6.30 A.M. for EUROPE, per steam-ship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, via Plymouth.
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MAILS FOR SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA.

WEDNESDAY (4).—At 8 A. M. for ARGENTINE.
URUGUAY and PARAGUAY. per steamship Birookwood (mail must be directed "per steamship Allanca. Via COLOMBIA. ECUADOR. PARAMA. CANAL ZONE. CAUCA DEPARTMENT OF COLOMBIA. ECUADOR. PERU, BOLIVIA and OHILI. per steamship Allanca. Via Colon (mail for Guatemala must be directed "per steamship Allanca"; at 9:30 A. M. for INAGUA. HAITI. SANTA MARTA and other places in MAGDALENA DEPARTMENT, COLOMBIA. per steamship Flandria (mail for Petit Goave and Aux Cayes must be directed "per steamship Prince Willem V. (mail for Curacao. Venezucia. Trinidad and Guiana must be directed "per steamship Prins Willem V. (mail for Curacao. Venezucia. Trinidad and Guiana must be directed "per steamship Prins Willem V.) for TUREN ISLAND and DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, per steamship Prins Willem V.) for TUREN ISLAND and DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, per steamship Seminole; at 12:30 P. M. (supplementary 1:30 P. M.) for ST. THOMAS. ST. CHOIN, LEEWARD and WINDWARD ISLANDS and GUIANA, per steamship Parima (mail for Gernada and Trinidad must be directed "per steamship Parima"; at 2 P. M. for ARGENTINE, URUGUAY and PARAGUAY, per steamship Salior Prince.

THURSDAY 161 —A1 S A. M. for CUBA, YUCATAN and CAMPECHE, per steamship Byron "in a 9:30 A. M. for BARBADOS, TRINI-DAD and GUIANA, per steamship Byron "in a 9:30 A. M. for BARBADOS, TRINI-DAD and GUIANA, per steamship Parima", at 2 P. M. for BRAZIL, per steamship Parima", at 2 P. M. for BRABADOS, TRINI-DAD and GUIANA. per steamship Parima", at 12 M. (supplementary 12:30 P. M.) for BARBADOS, TRINI-DAD and GUIANA. per steamship Parima for Northern Brazil, Argentine, Uruguay and Paraguay must be directed "per steamship Parima." (per steamship Parima."); at 12 M. for BARBADOS, GUIANA and NORTHERN BRAZIL, per steamship Bermudian; at 8:30 A. M. (suppleme

mentary Transatanto Rais are also opened on the piers of the AMERICAN, ENGLISH and FRENCH steamers, whenever the sallings eccur at 900 A. M. or later, and late mail may be deposited in the mail boxes on the piers of the German Lines salling from Hoboken. The mails on the piers open one hour and a half before sailing time, and close ten minutes before sailing time. Only regular postage detters 5 cents a half ounce is required on articles mailed on the piers of the American, White Star and German (Sea Post) steamers, double postage (letters 10 cents a half ounce) on other lines.

MAILS FORWARDED OVERLAND, &C., EX-CEPT TRANSPACIFIC.

P. M.: Sunday at 630 P. M. (connecting malls close here every Monday.)

JAMAICA.—By rall to Boston, and thence by stamer, closes at this office at 7P. M. Tuesday.

By rail to Philadelphia, and thence by steamer, closes at this office at 10:30 P. M. Wednesday.

MIQUELON.—By rall to Boston, and thence by steamer, closes at this office at 10:30 P. M. Wednesday.

MIQUELON.—By rall to Boston, and thence by steamer, closes at this office daily, except Sunday, at 7P. M.: Sunday at 6:30 P. M.

BRITISH HONDURAS, HONDURAS (East Coast) and thence by steamer, closes at this office daily, except Sunday, at 1:30 P. M. and 10:30 P. M. (connecting mall closes here Mondays at 1:00:30 P. M.)

COSTA RICA.—By rall to New Orleans, and thence by steamer, closes at this office daily, except Sunday, at 1:30 P. M. and 10:30 P. M. (connecting mall closes here Tuesdays at 1:03 P. M.)

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WILLIAM R. WILLOOX, Postmaster.

Post Office, New York, N. Y., December 20, 1804.

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MEXICO CITY.—Overland, unless specially addressed for despatch by steamer, closes at this office daily, except Sunday, at 1:30 P. M. and 10:30 P. M. Sundays at 1:00 P. M. and 10:30 P. M. Sundays at 1:00 P. M. and 10:30 P. M. Sundays, at 1:30 P. M. (sundays), at 7 P. M., Sunday at 0:30 P. M. (connecting mails close here every Monday. Wednesday and Saturday).

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